

REMARKS

I. Amendments

Amendments have been made to the specification to correct typographical errors. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. Nucleotide Sequences

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequences, enclosed with this response is a Sequence Listing printout, diskette, and matching declaration. Accordingly, the requirements of the sequence rules have been met.

III. Summary of Interview

A telephonic interview with the Examiner and Applicant's representative Norbert Stahl was held on November 9, 2004. During the interview, it was discussed that the application was in condition for allowance, however there were formal matters regarding nucleotide sequences and typographical errors in the specification that needed to be corrected.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

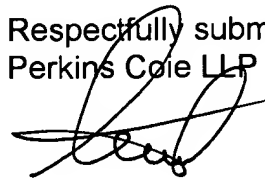
If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4382.

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